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SAFE HIGHWAYS BEGIN WITH YOU

As we are now into the summer months and travel becomes more and more frequent, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office would like to again request the public's assistance in reducing crashes and the severity of crashes. As we have pointed out in the past, when you increase your speed, you increase stopping distance when an obstacle presents itself. Increased speed also increases the force of impact and severity of injury if you are involved in a crash. While we are asking the public to slow down, we are also asking that everyone please take extra time to stop at intersections, wear your seatbelts, avoid distracted driving, and please do not drive after consuming alcohol, impairing prescription medications or drugs.

We have taken steps to provide reminders to drive carefully. This includes the placement of traffic enforcement zone signs in hopes of gaining voluntary compliance, increased visibility of squad cars in high crash areas, and directed patrols by deputies through on duty and grant funded efforts. However, the most impactful thing we can do as a community is by simple compliance with the law. We may not be able to control what others around us are doing, but we can do our best to control our own destiny by driving safely. With everyone's cooperation, we can reduce severity of injury in crashes that do occur. By changing your driving habits, you will never know if you have prevented a crash because you likely will not have been involved in one.

Please drive safely on our streets and highways and do your part in ensuring everyone makes it home safely at the end of every day.

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J Schmidt.

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